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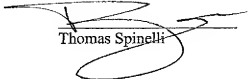
In accordance with 37 C.F.R §§1.97 and 1.98, it is requested that the following references, which are also listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, be made of record in the above-identified case.

1. International Publication No. WO 02/102224 A2 published December 27, 2002;
2. Japanese Patent Application Laid-open No. 4-314417 published November 5, 1992 together with an English language abstract; and
3. Japanese Patent Application Laid-open No. 5-092003 published April 16, 1993 together with an English language abstract.

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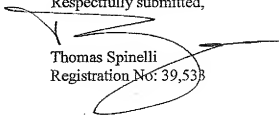
The references were cited in an Official Action dated June 10, 2008 received from the Japanese Patent Office, a copy of which is enclosed. Applicants are submitting a copy of the above-cited references required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.98 (a)(2)(i) and (ii). The relevance of the references is described in the Official Action.

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Further, inasmuch as this Information Disclosure Statement is also being submitted in accordance with the schedule set out in 37 C.F.R. § 1.704(d), a statement is attached.

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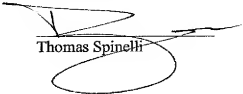
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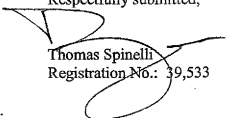
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Therefore, the Information Disclosure Statement submitted herewith cannot be considered a failure to engage in reasonable efforts to conclude prosecution of the application under paragraphs (c)(6), (c)(8), (c)(9), or (c)(10) of 37 C.F.R. §1.704.

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